

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant (s): Frank E. Towsley

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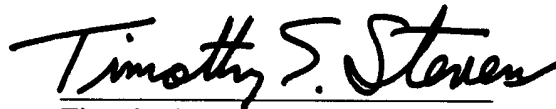
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL

Applicant hereby petitions the Commissioner to advance the examination of the above referenced application on the grounds that Applicant is 65 years of age, or more.

Respectfully submitted,



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DECLARATION

I, Frank E. Towsley, identified above as "Applicant", hereby declare and state that my

birth day is: Dec. 24, 1919

Signed: Frank E Towsley

Date: Sept 26, 2003